Organizations, Functions, and Authority Delegations: Authority to Agency Officials

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Interim Delegations of Authority.

1. Purpose. This order contains interim delegations of authority to agency officials.

2. Distribution. This order is distributed to the branch level in Washington, regions, and centers with a limited distribution to all field offices and facilities.

3. Background. With the decision to restructure Washington headquarters organization and to implement streamlined reporting of regional program divisions, the existing delegations of authority require modification.

4. General Delegations Of Authority.

a. Executive Directors. With respect to all matters within the executive directors' sphere of responsibility, each executive director is authorized to:

(1) Take action and issue orders in the name of the Administrator, except for those matters for which the Administrator has specifically reserved authority or otherwise provided.

(2) Represent the Administrator.

(3) Act on any matter for which specific delegation of authority has been made to the executive director or to any other person under the direction of the executive director.

(4) Exercise line authority over associate administrators, office, service, and center directors reporting directly to them. In the case of the Executive Director for Policy, Plans, and Resource Management, this includes the regional administrators.

b. Chief Counsel. With respect to all matters within the Chief Counsel's sphere of responsibility, the Chief Counsel is authorized to:

(1) Take action and issue orders in the name of the Administrator, except for those matters for which the Administrator has specifically reserved authority or otherwise provided.

(2) Represent the Administrator.

(3) Act on any matter for which specific delegation of authority has been made to the Chief Counsel or to any other person under the direction of the Chief Counsel.

(4) Exercise line authority over the Assistant Chief Counsel in Washington headquarters and over the Assistant Chief Counsel (formerly regional and center counsel) for each region and center.

c. Associate Administrators. With respect to all matters delegated by the respective Executive Director to the associate administrators, each associate administrator is authorized to:

(1) Take action and issue orders in the name of the Administrator and the Executive Director, except for those matters for which the associate administrator has specifically reserved authority or otherwise provided.

(2) Represent the Administrator and/or the Executive Director (excluding the Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety).

(3) Act on any matter for which specific delegation of authority has been made to the associate administrator or to any other person under the direction of the associate administrator.

(4) Exercise line authority over the offices and services reporting directly to them and the respective regional program divisions. This includes the air traffic, airway facilities, flight standards, civil aviation security, aviation medical, airports, and aircraft certification functions. This authority may be redelegated to heads of offices and services, but no further redelegation is authorized.

d. Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety. The Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety exercises line authority over the regional safety managers.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[TGD 89-055]

Towing Safety Advisory Committee; Meeting of Subcommittee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Act (Pub. L. 92-463; U.S.C. App. 1), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the following subcommittee of the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). The subcommittee on Tug-Barge Construction, Certification and Operations will meet on September 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1989 in Room 2230, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on September 25 and end at 4:00 p.m. each day.

The agenda for the meeting follows:

2. Evaluate the adequacy of current 46 CFR Part 31 inspection intervals for tank barges.
3. Evaluate the adequacy of U.S. Coast Guard policy regarding the application of "Rivers" structural rules for tank barges that regularly ply a "Lakes, Bays, and Sounds" route or an "Oceans" route, and to the boundary line.
4. Consider the need for and effect of new regulations with "Rivers" studies as a condition of continuing operations on "Lakes, Bays, and Sounds" or "Oceans" routes within the boundary line.
5. Evaluate the need for the high level of alarm in cargo tanks on tank barges to reduce the incidence of cargo tank overfilling and overpressurization.
6. Evaluate the progress in identifying problems confronting the towing industry that could result from a full conversion to 1980 Tonnage Convention tonnage. Consider information concerning tonnage thresholds and related matters that the Coast Guard obtained during public meetings. Members of the public may present oral or written statements at the meeting. Additional information may be obtained from Mr. Gene Hammel, Executive Director of TSAC at U.S. Coast Guard, Headquarters, G-MP-2, Room 2414, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20390-8001 or by calling (202) 267-1406.

Dated: August 22, 1989,
J.D. Shiver,
Deputy Administrator, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.
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Federal Aviation Administration

Proposed Modification of Airport Improvement Program Grant Improvement

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Modification of Airport Improvement Program Grant Improvement.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to modify the standard grant assurances required of a sponsor receiving a grant under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP). This modification is necessary to allow FAA to bring up to date the list of Agency Circulars included as standards without having to publish them in the Federal Register. It will also allow FAA to delete from the grant program two separate certifications presently required to be prepared by grant recipients by adding them to the standard set of assurances. These modifications will provide for new assurances in all grants issued under the Airport Improvement Program after October 1, 1989. The Secretary of Transportation is required to provide notice in the Federal Register and an opportunity for the public to comment upon proposals to modify assurances or to require any additional assurances under AIP pursuant to subsection 511(f) of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, as amended by the Airport and Airway Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1987, Public Law 100-223.

DATES: These proposed modifications to the Grant Assurances would be effective October 1, 1989.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 1989.

ADDRESS: Comments may be delivered by mail to the Grants-In-Aid Division, Airport Improvement Program Specialist, Telephone (202) 227-8822.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary must receive certain assurances from the sponsor (applicant) under The Airport and Airway
Improvement Act of 1988, as amended by The Airport and Airway Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1987, Pub. L. 100-334. These assurances are submitted as part of the application for Federal assistance and are incorporated in all grant agreements by reference. The current assurances were published on February 1, 1988 (53 FR 3104) and amended on September 6, 1988 (53 FR 34360). As need dictates, these assurances must be amended from time to time to reflect new Federal requirements or to resolve problems arising in the grant program. Notice of such proposed changes is published in the Federal Register and an opportunity is provided for comment by the public. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is planning to modify the assurances currently being used in order to reflect some changes in the general requirements.

FAA will make three separate sets of standard assurances: one for airport sponsors (owners/operators); one for planning agency sponsors; and one for nonairport sponsors.

1. General Federal Requirements, of all three sets of assurances is proposed to add the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D) to the list under Federal Legislation. Additionally, Assurances 36 of the Airport Sponsor Assurances, Assurance 13 of the Planning Agency Sponsor Assurances, and Assurance 22 of the Non-Airport Sponsor Assurances, entitled Drug-Free Workplace, are proposed which will serve as the certification required by sponsors to comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

2. The Planning Agency Sponsor Assurances are proposed to be amended as follows:

   a. Assurance No. C.1 is proposed to be amended to read as follows:
   1. General Federal Requirements

   b. By proposing to add Assurance 35 to read:

   35. Policies, Standards, and Specifications. It will further the project in accordance with the policies, standards, and specifications approved by the Secretary and, as defined by the Administrative Circulars listed in “Current FAA Advisory Circulars for AIP Projects,” dated and included in this grant, and in accordance with applicable state policies, standards, and specifications approved by the Secretary.

   c. By proposing to add Assurance 36 to read:

   36. Relocation and Real Property Acquisition. It will be guided in acquiring real property, to the greatest extent practicable under State law, by the land acquisition policies in Subpart B of 49 CFR Part 24 and will pay or reimburse property owners for necessary expenses as specified in Subpart B. (2) It will provide a relocation assistance program offering the services described in Subpart C and fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons as required in Subparts D and E of 49 CFR Part 24. (3) It will make available within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement comparable replacement dwellings to displaced persons in accordance with Subpart E of 49 CFR Part 24.

   d. By proposing to add Assurance 38 to read:

   38. Drug Free Workplace. It will provide a drug-free workplace at the site of work specified in the grant application in accordance with 49 CFR Part 39 by (1) publishing a statement notifying the employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace. (2) establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform its employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace and any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; (3) notifying the FAA within ten days after receiving notice of an employee criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace, and (4) making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace.

3. The Planning Agency Sponsor Assurances are proposed to be amended as follows:

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   c. By proposing to add Assurance 36 to read:

   36. Relocation and Real Property Acquisition. It will be guided in acquiring real property, to the greatest extent practicable under State law, by the land acquisition policies in Subpart B of 49 CFR Part 24 and will pay or reimburse property owners for necessary expenses as specified in Subpart B. (2) It will provide a relocation assistance program offering the services described in Subpart C and fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance to displaced persons as required in Subparts D and E of 49 CFR Part 24. (3) It will make available within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement comparable replacement dwellings to displaced persons in accordance with Subpart E of 49 CFR Part 24.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

General Aviation Compliance and Enforcement

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)/DOT.

ACTION: Notice of open forums and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces FAA's intent to evaluate its General Aviation Compliance and Enforcement Program. The public can participate in this evaluation: (1) by attending and/or speaking at an open forum; or (2) by written comments. The vehicle for this evaluation will be a System Safety and Efficiency Review (SSER), conducted by the Office of the Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety. The SSER review will include, but will not be limited to, sanction guidelines, FAA and industry/public attitudes, enforcement effectiveness, Surveillance Program, and the Accident Prevention Program. DATE: Written comments should be received on or before November 15, 1989.

ADDRESS: Send all written comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety, Washington, DC 20591.

Background

SSER's are comprehensive, interdisciplinary evaluations conducted under the leadership of the FAA's Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety. Teams consist of highly qualified technical representatives from FAA and other units of Government, and the aviation community. SSER's review specific issues in order to improve aviation safety and efficiency, and address air traffic control, flight standards, airport certification, airway facilities, civil aviation security, air traffic services, and others. The SSER of FAA's General Aviation Compliance and Enforcement Program will be conducted to determine its effectiveness in promoting safety in general aviation. This review will not involve an evaluation of the agency's enforcement policies for air carriers. All SSER's are preceded by listening sessions at which the aviation community and other interested persons and organizations are encouraged to present their views.

The review will be conducted in three phases: (1) data gathering and analysis; (2) listening sessions at various locations around the country; and (3) technical evaluation of specific compliance and enforcement issues, including those identified in listening sessions or in written comments.

Invitation to Participate

Interested parties and individuals are invited to participate in this SSER by submitting written comments to the address shown above, or by attending the listening sessions shown below. Speakers and written commenters are asked to identify issues which they believe should be examined in the SSER. Reservations or formal presentations are not necessary. Comments will be recorded, but no transcript will be produced. Dates, times and locations for the listening sessions are shown below:

Monday August 28, 1989 (7:30 p.m.), Long Beach Hyatt Regency, 200 South Pine Avenue, Long Beach, California.

Tuesday August 29, 1989 (7:30 p.m.), Best Western Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 ValJean Avenue, Van Nuys, California.

Thursday September 7, 1989 (7:00 p.m.), Park Marriott, 300 Eare Blvd., Park Ridge, New Jersey.

Tuesday September 26, 1989 (7:30 p.m.), Ramada Inn—Southeast, 6101 East 87th St., Kansas City, Missouri.

Wednesday September 27, 1989 (7:30 p.m.), Sheraton North Shore Inn, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, Illinois.

Thursday September 28, 1989 (7:30 p.m.), Holiday Inn, 17040 South Halsted, Harvey, Illinois.

Thursday October 5 (10:00 a.m. to Noon), Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

Friday October 20, 1989 (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), Buena Vista Palace Hotel, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Charles H. Hultman, Deputy Associate Administrator for Aviation Safety.

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Summary Notice No. PE-89-34

Petition for Exemption; Summary and Disposition

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of petitions for exemption received and of dispositions of prior petitions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to FAA's rulemaking provisions governing the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for exemption (14 CFR Part 11), this notice contains a summary of certain petitions seeking relief from specified requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Chapter I), dispositions of certain petitions previously received, and corrections. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, this aspect of FAA's regulatory activities. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion or omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of any petition or its final disposition.

DATE: Comments on petitions received must identify the petition docket number involved and must be received on or before September 18, 1989.

ADDRESS: Send comments on any petition in triplicate to: Federal Aviation Administration, Office of the Chief Counsel, Attn: Rules Docket (AGC-10). Petition Docket No. 699.

Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
The petition, any comments received, and a copy of any final disposition are filed in the assigned regulatory docket and are available for examination in the Rules Docket (AGC-10), Room 915G, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB 10A), 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591; telephone (202) 267-2132.

This notice is published pursuant to paragraphs (c), (e), and (g) of § 11.27 of Part 11 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 11).

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 22, 1989.

Denise Donohue Hall, Manager, Program Management Staff, Office of the Chief Counsel.